

crosslinking as the crosslinking process is not a destructive mechanism where the crosslinking material is decomposed to into gas and removed from the structure.

Claims 1- 8 have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

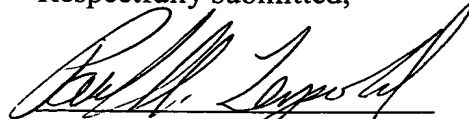
The Examiner states that the claims are indefinite because it is unclear whether or not the binder of the claims has been crosslinked and whether the applicant still intends for 20 percent crosslinking agent to remain. The Examiner further states that if the applicant intends for the binder of the final product to be crosslinked then the claim should be clarified by stating that the image receiving layer is for "formed from" the components. The applicant has amended Claim 1 to insert the limitation, as suggested by the Examiner to state that the final product is "formed from" the components. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,419,355. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) enclosed is a terminal disclaimer which is believed to overcome the double patenting rejection. Reconsideration is requested.

Claims 1-8 have been rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-19 of U.S. Patent No. 6,497,460. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) enclosed is a terminal disclaimer which is believed to overcome the double patenting rejection. Reconsideration is requested.

Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the double patenting and 35 USC § 112 rejections be reconsidered and withdrawn and that an early Notice of Allowance be issued in this application.

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